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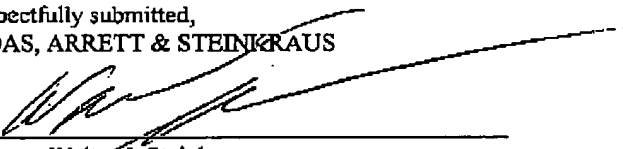
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**STATUS LETTER**

We would appreciate receiving a Status Report on the above-identified application at the earliest possible date.

A review of our files indicates that the Communication dated October 27, 2006, states that prosecution was being suspended for 3 months after which applicant should make an inquiry as to the status. The three month suspension has now expired. The applicant therefore requests a status report.

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